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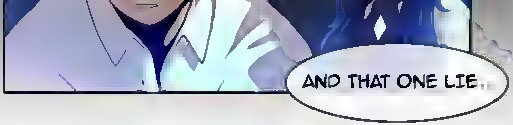
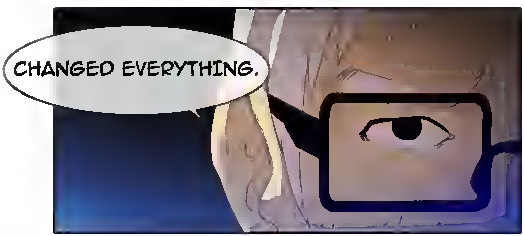
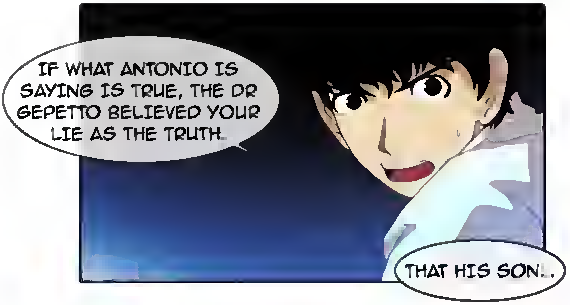
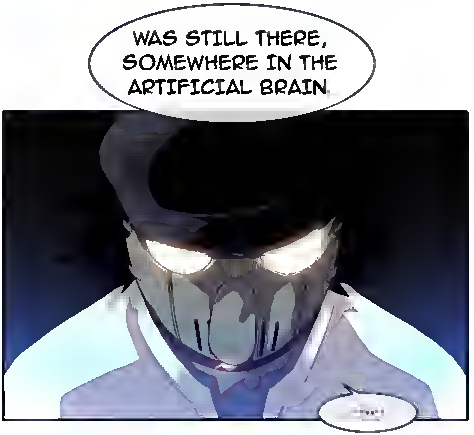
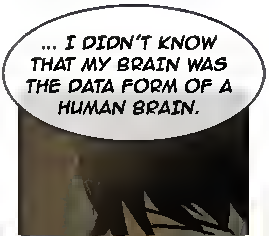

AND THAT ONE LIE...


CHANGED EVERYTHING.

... PINOCCHIO.
IS THIS TRUE?
YOU DEFINITELY SAID BEFORE THAT DR GEPETTO BROUGHT YOU BACK FROM ALMOST BEING DISPOSED OF BECAUSE HE CAUGHT ONTO YOUR LIE


IF WHAT ANTONIO IS SAYING IS TRUE, THE DR GEPETTO BELIEVED YOUR LIE AS THE TRUTH.
THAT HIS SON...

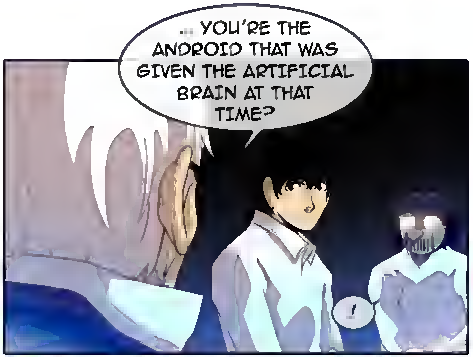

WAS STILL THERE, SOMEWHERE IN THE ARTIFICIAL BRAIN.

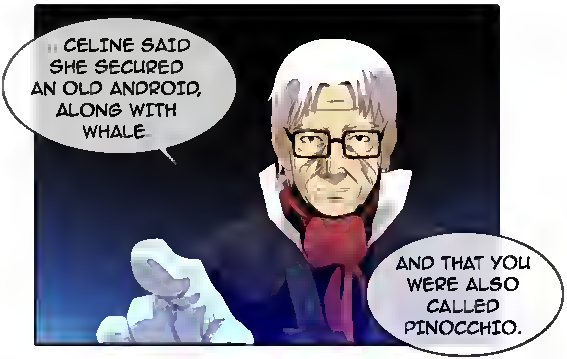

... I DIDN'T KNOW THAT MY BRAIN WAS THE DATA FORM OF A HUMAN BRAIN.

I JUST TOLD A LIE TO THE MAN DESPAIRING AT MY FEET.
BECAUSE IT SEEMED THAT WAS THE ANSWER HE WANTED.

I... THOUGHT HE WOULD HAVE SEEN THROUGH THE LIE.
I DIDN'T THINK HE'D REALLY BELIEVE...

WANTED TO BELIEVE THAN ACTUALLY BELIEVING.
FOR DR GEPETTO...
HE WAS PROBABLY CLUTCHING AT STRAWS.

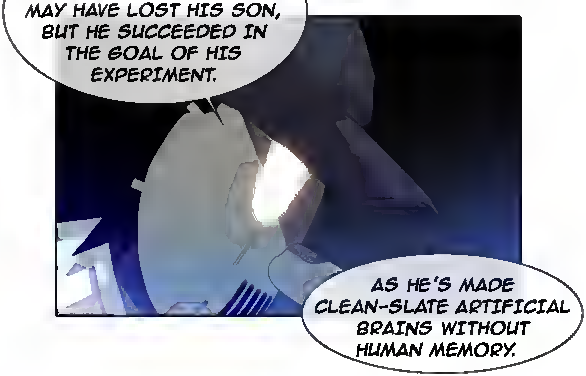

... YOU'RE THE ANDROID THAT WAS GIVEN THE ARTIFICIAL BRAIN AT THAT TIME?

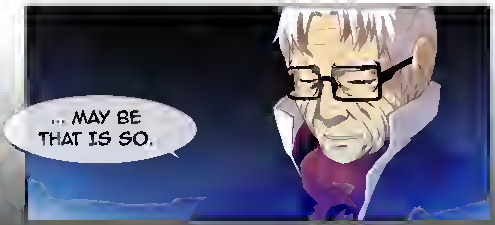

... CELINE SAID SHE SECURED AN OLD ANDROID, ALONG WITH WHALE.
AND THAT YOU WERE ALSO CALLED PINOCCHIO.

WHY WERE YOU GIVEN THE NAME PINOCCHIO?
....
THE ANDROID PINOCCHIO I KNOW

LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE GEPETTO'S SON.
WHEN I WAS TOLD BY NERO THAT THERE'S A LEADER AMONG ANDROIDS, AND THAT HIS NAME IS PINOCCHIO, I THOUGHT IT WAS MUST BE THAT HE SURVIVED
SO IF YOU SAY YOU'RE THE SON, THEN WHY'S THERE ANOTHER CALLED PINOCCHIO?
DR GEPETTO THOUGHT THAT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAN AND ANDROIDS LAY IN THE ABILITY TO LIE.

I DON'T KNOW WHETHER MY ARTIFICIAL BRAIN WAS BASED OFF A HUMAN'S BUT SUCH IS NOT THE CASE FOR THOSE THAT CAME AFTER ME.
THEY ARE NEW VERSIONS BASED OFF MY BRAIN
THE LEADER OF ANDROIDS...
HE'S A VERSION THAT WAS BASED OFF ME
SO IF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS RIGHT, GEPETTO


MAY HAVE LOST HIS SON, BUT HE SUCCEEDED IN THE GOAL OF HIS EXPERIMENT.
AS HE'S MADE CLEAN-SLATE ARTIFICIAL BRAINS WITHOUT HUMAN MEMORY.

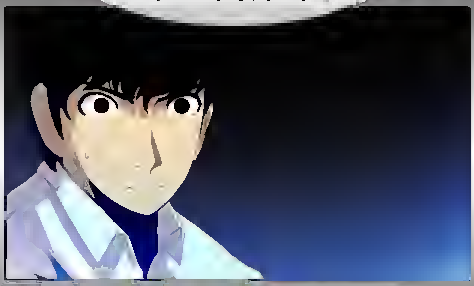

... MAY BE THAT IS SO.

IN ANY CASE. I AM NOT AWARE OF WHAT HE DID AFTER THE EXPERIMENT

BECAUSE, AS YOU SAID, HE LEFT AFTER RETRIEVING THE ANDROID THAT WAS TO BE DISPOSED OF
AND HIS ANDROIDS SOLD LIKE HOT CAKES ONCE THEY ENTERED THE MARKET, BUT
Android
THERE WASN'T ANYONE WHO'D SEEN DR GEPETTO
AND WHEN HE CAME TO VISIT ME, IT WAS SEVERAL YEARS AFTER OUR STUDY
AND WHAT HE TALKED TO ME THEN WAS ABOUT SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

HE TALKED OFF PLANS FOR A CITY WHERE ANDROIDS AND HUMANS LIVE IN HARMONY...

IN OTHER WORDS, THE VERY FIRST DRAFT FOR THE SHELTER.



THE LAMPIONE INSTITUTE, NOT AS POWERFUL AT THE TIME, WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF MANAGING THIS NEW CITY.

IT WAS LITERALLY AN EXPERIMENTAL CITY.

AT THE TIME, I WAS WORKING

FOR THE INSTITUTION AND MY CLONING WORK GATHERED MORE FUEL

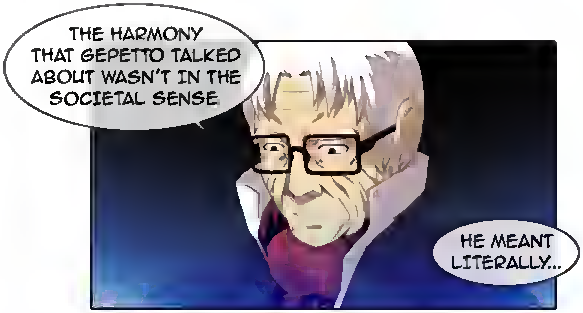
AND GEPETTO SAYING IT WAS HIS TURN TO HELP PARTICIPATED IN MY RESEARCH

HE WAS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC INDEED EVEN OFFERING HIMSELF AS THE SUBJECT FOR CLONING

I DIDN T ASK WHY HE WAS FOCUSING ON A FIELD THAT WAS NOT HIS BUT I FIGURED IT WAS HIM MOVING ON AFTER LOSING HIS SON

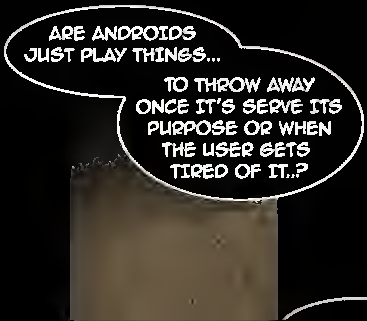
OUR WORK WAS GOING SMOOTHLY JUST LIKE THE

CONSTRUCTION FOR THE SHELTER
AND WHEN WE WERE NEARING COMPLETION...
I FOUND ABOUT GEPETTO'S REAL INTENT
REAL INTENT...?

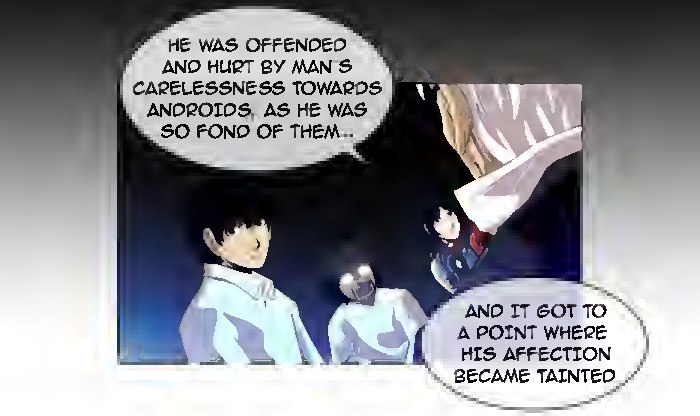


PHYSICALLY HARMONIZING HUMANS AND ANDROIDS

SO MANY RETURNED TODAY, TOO?

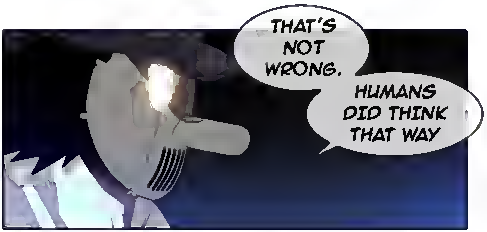

ARE ANDROIDS JUST PLAY THINGS...
TO THROW AWAY ONCE IT'S SERVE ITS PURPOSE OR WHEN THE USER GETS TIRED OF IT...?

NO...!
THIS ISN'T WHY I MADE THEM...!!


HE WAS OFFENDED AND HURT BY MAN'S CARELESSNESS TOWARDS ANDROIDS, AS HE WAS SO FOND OF THEM...
AND IT GOT TO A POINT WHERE HIS AFFECTION BECAME TAINTED

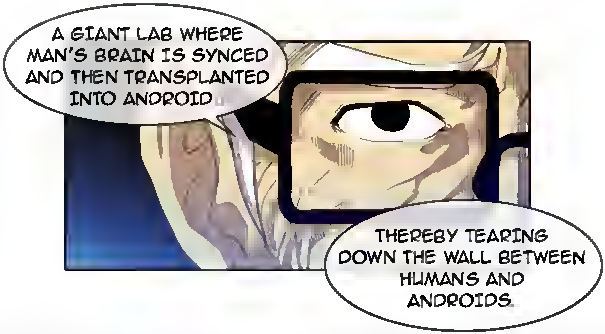
TAINTED...?

RIGHT. GEPETTO THOUGHT THAT HUMANS LOOKED DOWN ON ANDROIDS BECAUSE THEY CONSIDERED THEM NOTHING MORE THAN TOOLS

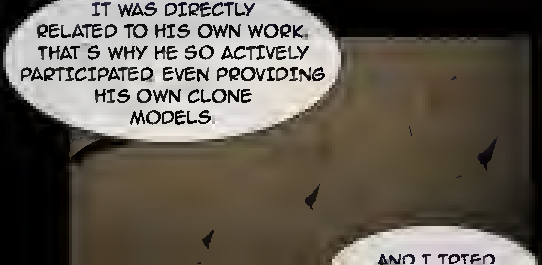

THAT'S NOT WRONG.
HUMANS DID THINK THAT WAY

BUT GEPETTO WENT FURTHER.

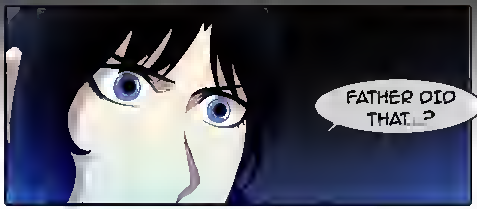
THEY MUST ALSO...
BECOME ANDROIDS...!
THAT'S RIGHT!
THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!


A GIANT LAB WHERE MAN'S BRAIN IS SYNCED AND THEN TRANSPLANTED INTO ANDROID.
THEREBY TEARING DOWN THE WALL BETWEEN HUMANS AND ANDROIDS.

THAT WAS THE SHELTER.


IT WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO HIS OWN WORK. THAT'S WHY HE SO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED EVEN PROVIDING HIS OWN CLONE MODELS.

TO DISSUADE HIM...
THEY D BEEN GIVEN JUST ONE COMMAND
HE REALIZED I D CAUGHT ON TO HIS SCHEME, AND SENT A SELECT FEW ANDROIDS
KILL ANTONIO.
COMMAND UNDERSTOOD.


FATHER DID THAT...?

I COULDN'T LET HIM JUST KILL ME.
AND I THOUGHT OF A WAY TO TURN THE SITUATION AROUND ON THEM

WHAT DID YOU DO?

WITH THE CLONE MODEL GEPETTO SUPPLIED
I SYNCED MY BRAIN

GEPETTO

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